

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2007**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT

Dogan Delman (Mayor), Lee Chamberlain (Deputy Mayor), Pamela Adams, Christopher Andrew, Kate Anolue, Gregory Antoniou, Alan Barker, John Boast, Chris Bond, Kris Brown, Jayne Buckland, Bambos Charalambous, Christopher Cole, Andreas Constantinides, Tony Dey, Annette Dreblow, Peter Fallart, Norman Ford, Vivien Giladi, Del Goddard, Jonas Hall, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Denise Headley, Ruth Hones, Ertan Hurer, John Jackson, Chris Joannides, Eric Jukes, Jon Kaye, Henry Lamprecht, Matthew Laban, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Paul McCannah, Kieran McGregor, Chris Murphy, Terence Neville, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Henry Pipe, Martin Prescott, Geoffrey Robinson, Michael Rye, George Savva MBE, Toby Simon, Edward Smith, Terence Smith, Glynis Vince, Kate Wilkinson and Ann Zinkin

ABSENT

Chaudhury Anwar MBE, Yasemin Brett, Christiana During, Achilleas Georgiou, Bernadette Lappage, Donald McGowan, Jeff Rodin, Eleftherios Savva, Andrew Stafford and Doug Taylor

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MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

The Mayor reported that his Chaplain was unwell and there would not be a blessing at this meeting.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:

1. I recently visited Gladbeck for the Annual Appletatenfest. We were very well looked after and it was a good opportunity for networking and trying to establish better contacts between our towns.
2. I am delighted to say that the Autumn Show went well at the weekend. The Mayoress and I enjoyed walking round the various exhibits and watching the activities. Representatives from Courbevoie and Gladbeck joined us this year and I hope that their visit helped to cement the friendships that are so necessary to ensure the smooth running of the educational and sporting exchanges between our towns.
3. I am delighted to let you know the Serco Community Fund has donated £20,000 to my charity appeal. This is a huge boost and I will make sure that

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when the time comes this money will be put to very good use by local charities.

4. I would like to advise members of some forthcoming events for your diaries:

18th October Fun Casino Night at The Penridge in Southgate . Tickets £15 available from my secretary Rhoda Aldridge.

Friday 7th December Christmas Reception at Forty Hall.

Saturday 1st March Gala Dinner at the Royal Chace Hotel

My golf day will be held in April.

5. My fun run was held last Sunday and I would like to thank Councillor Headley for leading the Council contingent of 1 runner.

The Mayor then introduced Mr Ozcan Keles who was the first of a number of speakers that the Mayor had previously announced would be invited to address the Council to talk about their religious faith. Mr Keles highlighted the work undertaken by the Dialogue Society that he co-founded in 1999. The society promotes interfaith, intercultural and intercommunal dialogue in the UK. He went on to highlight that Islam was a religion of peace and security and that there was no conflict between Britishness and Muslimness.

The Mayor thanked Mr Keles on behalf of the Council for his presentation.

51 MINUTES

AGREED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 June 2007 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

52 APOLOGIES

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Andrew, Hall and Simon. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anwar, Brett, Georgiou, McGowan, Rodin, E Savva and Stafford.

53 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Barker and Hurer both declared a personal interest in Report No.83A – Acquisition of Lacey Hall Site and Site Development Strategy of Highfield and Hazelwood Schools, in their capacity as LEA Governors of Hazelwood Infant and Junior and Highfield Primary Schools respectively.

Councillor Lavender declared a personal interest on Item 13.1 – Motions as his employer was involved in PFI schemes and builds and fits out ambulances and other emergency facilities.

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SCRUTINY ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2007/08

Councillor E Smith moved and Councillor Pearce seconded the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (No. 79A) setting out the annual work programme for the Council's six Scrutiny Panels and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

NOTED that the report had been endorsed at the Cabinet meeting on 12 September 2007.

AGREED to adopt the Annual Scrutiny Work Programme for 2007/08.

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ACQUISITION OF LACEY HALL SITE AND SITE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF HIGHFIELD AND HAZELWOOD SCHOOLS

Councillor Vince moved and Councillor Lavender seconded the joint report of the Director of Education, Children's Services and Leisure, Director of Finance and Corporate Resources and Director of Performance, Partnership and Policy (No. 83A) advising Members of an opportunity that has arisen to acquire a site (Lacey Hall) adjacent to Hazelwood Infant and Junior Schools.

NOTED that recommendations 2.1 – 2.9 set out in the report had been approved at the Cabinet meeting on 12 September 2007.

AGREED that the Highfield Primary School project be included in the Education, Children's Services and Leisure Capital Programme to be financed from £1m allocated but not committed to other schemes.

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FOOD SAFETY SERVICE PLAN 2007/8

Councillor Neville moved and Councillor Lavender seconded the report of the Director of Environment Street Scene and Parks (No. 99) setting out the Food Safety Service Plan 2007/08 submitted for approval in accordance with the Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law enforcement, made under the Food Standards Act 1999.

NOTED that Councillor Neville highlighted that this was the fourth year in succession that the Council have managed to inspect 100% of high risk premises which represented a significant improvement on the 60% achieved by the Council in 2001/2.

AGREED that the Food Safety Service Plan 2007/08 be agreed by the Council, as required by the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement.

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ACCESS TO SERVICES STRATEGY.

Councillor Zinkin moved and Councillor Hones seconded the report of the Chief Executive (No. 50A) seeking approval to the Access to Services Strategy.

NOTED that

1. the recommendations set out in the report were endorsed by Cabinet on 18 July 2007.
2. the strategy is a living document and would be reviewed each year. A progress report would be presented to Cabinet on an annual basis.
3. the officers involved in the development of new reception areas at the Civic Centre, John Wilkes House and Charles Babbage House were congratulated on these new facilities.

AGREED the Access to Services Strategy 2007-2012.

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TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2006/07

Councillor Lavender moved and Councillor Rye seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No. 100) reviewing the activities of the Council's Treasury Management function over the financial year ended 31 March 2007.

NOTED

1. the thanks expressed by Councillor Lavender to the officers of the Treasury Management Team for their hard work over the last year.
2. that Councillor Neville updated the Council on the Pension Fund's position following recent volatility in the Markets and the run on Northern Rock bank. He reassured the Council that the fund had not suffered any significant loss.

AGREED to accept the Treasury Management Outturn Report for 2006/07.

Councillors from the Labour Group abstained from voting on the above resolution.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME

1. Urgent Questions

None received.

2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED

1. the 6 questions, on the Council's agenda, which received a written reply by the relevant Cabinet Members.

2. the following supplementary questions received for the questions indicated below:

Question 2

Councillor Anolue to Councillor McCannah, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Olympics 2012;

"Can you confirm who overruled the decision of the officer organising the event to allow the Chairman of the Enfield Racial Equality Council to speak?"

Reply from Councillor McCannah:

"As I explained in the written answer to Councillor Analoue, I was unable to attend this event as I was away on business. I only became aware of this issue, if indeed there is any issue, when I received Councillor Analoue's question later that same week. I understand that the Chairman of EREC approached officers late on with a request to speak at the event. Officers felt that that late in the process, with the Deputy Mayor scheduled to be the only speaker, it was not appropriate to change the arrangements and I fully support the decision of the officers concerned."

Question 4

Councillor Dreblow to Councillor Neville, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene:

"Can Councillor Neville confirm what further plans he has for green spaces in Enfield?"

Reply from Councillor Neville:

"I can confirm that the parks that did not receive Green Flag Awards will be re-entered. I had news yesterday that the Council's £783k Big Lottery Bid for the Florence Hey site in Fore Street to transform this open space has been shortlisted for further consideration. Section 106 planning gain resources

have also been earmarked for schemes at Craig Park and Montague. Further works are planned for Broomfield and Arnos Parks to improve standards and ensure that the Borough's greatest assets are kept in good order."

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MOTIONS**

Councillor Boast moved and Councillor Pipe seconded a motion that "Enfield Council calls upon the Government to repeal any laws or regulations stemming from the European Working Time Directive that impede the emergency services in the performance of their duties."

After a lengthy debate the motion was put to the vote with the following result:

For: 29
Against: 19
Abstentions: 2

AGREED that the above motion be approved.

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MEMBERSHIPS**

AGREED the following change to committee memberships:

Public Transport Consultative Group

Councillor McGowan to replace Councillor Bond.

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

AGREED the following change to nominations to outside bodies:

Enfield Strategic Partnership

Councillor Charalambous to replace Councillor Rodin.

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CALLED IN DECISIONS**

There were no called in decisions.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council was to be held on Wednesday 7 November 2007 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.